

**Public Employers Health Purchasing Committee
Meeting Minutes**

March 28, 2011
1 – 3:15 pm

Wilsonville Training Center:
29353 SW Town Center Loop E
Wilsonville, Oregon 97070

Meeting materials can be found online at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/OHA/OHPB/committees/pub-hlt-bn-prch-mtgs.shtml>

Committee Members in Attendance:

Steve McNannay, Chair
Lynn McNamara, Vice Chair
Diane Lovell
Barbara Prowe
Cathy Bless, by phone
Caren Cox, by phone
Joan Kapowich, by phone
Zue Matchett, by phone

OHA Staff in Attendance:

Kelly Harms
Ari Ettinger

Meeting Summary:

Call to Order, Welcome, Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February meeting will be presented at the April meeting.

Overview of Meeting Agenda

Steve McNannay reviewed the agenda.

Update on Work of Health System Transformation Team (HSTT)

The committee reviewed the strawperson summary of the Coordinated Care Organizations, the list of necessary federal waiver approvals, and the HSTT timeline. Diane stated that this Team produced what she sees as a very comprehensive, aggressive document. There is still a vast amount of work to be done, and that the vision of the final product is still incomplete. The challenge is far from over, but it was a fantastic beginning. The work is now moving to a special Joint committee in the legislature. We will keep the committee updated as more work is done, and more information becomes available.

Update on Legislative Session

Kelly Harms presented an update on the legislative session, as things are beginning to move quickly. There are numerous OHA and healthcare related bills being heard in committees right now. SB 99 is the Exchange Bill; there is a committee hearing on it taking place this afternoon. There may be more changes to it once it gets to the House side. Feel free to contact Harms if you have further questions.

Potential Contract Topics: EOBs via email, Member websites, E-visits, Other items

Joan Kapowich talked about the above contracting topics as they are being implemented and used in PEBB and OEBC. Some points:

- Explanation of benefits via email (EOBs) where possible and when requested.
- Member websites are required of PEBB/OEBC carriers to help educate their members. Statistics of usage are kept, and it seems like when members use these websites, there is an impact on costs.
- Kaiser has a set up where you can email with physicians, known as E-visits. She noted it took a long time for physicians to become comfortable with the system.
- Programs, such as Living Well, help members live better and healthier lives on their own.
- Payment Reform, especially with DRG methodologies.
- Kapowich noted there is a list of about 30 additional items that she will send to the committee.
- Partly, this is about just using the annual renewal process to encourage carriers to continue to move in the right direction and know that is important to us.

Convening Carriers to Discuss Contracting Provisions at April Meeting

McNannay and Lynn McNamara talked about next month's meeting and our plan to invite carriers. We want to discuss with them the three measures we have adopted as

items that we think should be put in every contract and others that we want to review in the future and potentially recommend. We want to hear from the carriers:

1. Which have you already implemented?
2. Which would you be willing to commit to implementing?
3. Which ones do you think might pose potential problems/areas of contention?
4. What have you maybe done that we haven't been talking about.

Staff will draft an invitation letter, and coordinate with all the carriers to make sure they are at our April meeting.

Break

Before Karen Hale arrived, the Committee had an informal discussion about some of the topics covered by the Health System Transformation Team, especially regarding the Coordinated Care Organizations, and how the idea for those was developed.

Primer on Meaningful Use

Karen Hale gave a Powerpoint presentation on Meaningful IT use. The presentation can be found here: <http://www.oregon.gov/OHA/OHPB/committees/pub-hlt-bn-prch-mtgs.shtml>

Public Comments

None

Next Meeting and 2011 Work Plan

The next meeting will be April 25. This will be the last meeting until the fall as the Oregon Health Policy Board's leadership team is recommending that our committee go on hiatus as legislation around health systems transformation works its way through the Legislature. The intent is that our committee will take up issues that come out of session for more concentrated work. OHA leadership will come to the next meeting to provide more details.

Adjournment (3:00 PM)